Power Reading Comic Book/Sci-Fi/Time Warp

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Grade Level P4 - 3rd Grade

Readability Level 3

Course / Content Handwriting

Language Arts Literature Reading Speech Spelling

Teaching Reading to ESL

Writing

List Price: 29.95

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Content

Power Reading Comics tell the same story that the longer versions tell, with fewer words, more illustrations and written on a lower level. The classic stories include Wizard of Oz, The Jungle Book, Treasure Island. The Sci-Fi stories include Dr. Little, Superhero and Time Warp. Power Reading Comics consist of audio-recorded chapters (6 for Sci-Fi and 12 for Classics) on audiocassettes or CDs (3 for Sci-Fi and 6 for Classics). All Comics are audio-recorded, using the Carbo method of recording. They come with games and writing activities that provide practice in reading and writing skills.

Student Experiences

The low-readability of the Comics allows the struggling student to follow the story line, aided by the slow-paced audio recordings and snappy illustrations. The struggling reader will read the comics first, and then move on to the more difficult and longer chapter book, with more motivation and better prepared to succeed. Both the Classic Chapter Books and Comics include reproducible questions, games and writing activities that provide practice in recalling facts and details, vocabulary in context, drawing conclusions, sequencing events, identifying the setting, predicting outcomes, fact or opinion, essay writing, dialogue writing, creative writing, descriptive writing, letter writing, journal writing, retelling.

Assessment

Fluency standards, instructions for measuring and Fluency Rate chart are included with the Comics. Another chart allows for entering a comprehension score, based on performance on questions. An Answer Key is provided.

Organization

Every Power Reading Comics title comes in a binder, containing black-line masters of the story divided into chapters that correspond to the same chapters in the regular story. After each chapter there are questions based on the previous chapter or group of chapters, which provide practice in skills that accommodate state standards. The questions provide practice and focus on grade-appropriate skills. If more than one student wants to listen to the same Comics story, the text may be reproduced and the audiocassette can be used in a listening center.

Resource Materials

An Answer Key to the questions and reproducible Record-Keeping Charts of student progress, along with instructions and recommendations to the teacher are included.

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions

N/A

Available Ancillary Materials

Power Reading Assessment Kit contains 24 leveled, audio-recorded, illustrated Power Reading stories, with line-by-line word counts to assess reading fluency and the best Power Reading level for a particular student. Also allows for scoring comprehension a

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

YES - provide information below

There is a compelling body of research available on our Website at www.nrsi.com.

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: Strictly for intervention

Summary Form

I. Technology Component Summary

- III. Writing Content Summary
- IV. Grammar and Spelling Content Summary
- V. Listening / Speaking / Observing Content Summary
- VI. Inquiry Content Summary
- VII. Technology Content Summary
- VIII. Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary

 Teacher would need additional explanation on how to coordinate the program.
- IX. Audience: Student Materials Content Summary

 High interest with low readability. Materials are used consistently from story to story. Kids will love the comic book format.
- X. Format Content Summary 1.00
- XI. Ancillary Materials Content Summary

 Assessment could be used as pre and post test and additional helps for anecdotal record-keeping

READING CONTENT

Multiple choice questions do not allow for this

WRITING CONTENT GRAMMAR AND SPELLING LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Lower level
Lots of on-going assessment, but note requires a written response
Provides for ability grouping
Low level questioning

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Low level Each story provides very similar activities

FORMAT

Cassette tapes and handouts may not stand up to student use.

ANCILLARY MATERIALS